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1. DRV DELEGATION CONCLUDED EIGHT-DAY VISIT TO HUNGARY JULY 23, WITH INFLEXIBLE PUBLIC POSTURE ON VIETNAM AND STRONG DENUNCIATION OF US FOR ALLEGED SABOTAGING OF PEACE IN SE ASIA. HUNGARIAN POSITION SOMEWHAT LESS HARSH, BUT JOINT COMMUNIQUE DID CONTAIN STATEMENTS: (A) CHARGING US WITH CONTINUATION OF "IMPERIALIST" AND "COLONIALIST" POLICIES IN VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS; AND (B) SUPPORTING STRICT OBSERVATION AND CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENTS. GOH ALSO ANNOUNCED ITS FULL ENDORSEMENT OF POSITION ADOPTED BY PRG ON JUNE 28.

2. IN ADDITION TO FORGIVENESS OF PAST DRV INDEBTEDNESS, GOH PROMISED TO CONTINUE GIVING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID, WITH EMPHASIS ON ASSISTANCE IN REBUILDING DRV MEDICAL
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FACILITIES. SIGNIFICANT THAT BOTH GOH AND DRV MILITARY

OFFICIALS INCLUDED IN PUBLIC LINE UP.

3. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT VISIT WILL RESULT IN GREATER GOH OR DRV COOPERATION WITH NON-COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF ICCS. WITH BUDAPEST AND WARSAW ONLY TWO EE CAPITALS ON PUBLIC ITINERARY, VIETNAM VERY LIKELY IS PRINCIPLE ITEM ON AGENDA. HUNGARIANS WOULD LIKE TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM ICCS RESPONSIBILITIES AND MAY EVEN PREFER TO ADOPT A MORE ACCOMMODATING STANCE. PUBLICLY, HOWEVER, GOH CONTINUES TO BLAME CANADIAN "OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS" FOR COMMISSION'S INEFFECTIVENESS.

4. EIGHT-DAY VISIT BY DRV GROUP UNUSUALLY LONG, AND AFTER FIRST THREE DAYS OF BILATERAL TALKS, VIETNAMESE PLAYED TOURIST ROLE PARTICIPATING IN HASTILY CONTRIVED SOLIDARITY MEETINGS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND IN VISITS TO FARMS AND FACTORIES. REAL PURPOSE OF VISIT IS STILL UNCLEAR. SPECULATION HERE IS THAT GOH MAY HAVE TRIED TO CONVINCE VIETNAMESE TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN DEALING WITH GVN, BUT WORDING OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE INDICATES VISIT MAY HAVE BEEN NOTHING MORE THAN EXPRESSION OF DRV GRATITUDE FOR PAST AND FUTURE MATERIAL AND POLITICAL (ICCS) SUPPORT BY HUNGARIANS.

5. WE ALSO NOTE THAT GOH SECURED VIETNAMESE SUPPORT FOR "ITS JOINT ACTIVITY WITH USSR AND EUROPEAN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" AIMED AT ESTABLISHMENT OF EUROPEAN PEACE AND SECURITY, AN ACTIVITY COMMUNIQUE SAYS "CONTRIBUTES TO UNIVERSAL PEACE." THIS IS LANGUAGE CERTAINLY NOT DESIGNED TO PLEASE CHINESE.
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